

**201 KAR 35:075. Substitution for work experience for an applicant for certification as an alcohol and drug counselor.**

RELATES TO: KRS 309.083, 309.0831, 309.0832, 309.0833

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 309.0813(1), (3), (5), 309.083, 309.0831, 309.0832, 309.0833

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 309.0813(1) authorizes the board to promulgate administrative regulations for the administration and enforcement of KRS 309.080 to 309.089. KRS 309.083, 309.0831, 309.0832, and 309.0833 establish the standards for the accumulation of the required supervised work experience. This administrative regulation establishes the requirements for substituting education for work experience requirements for an applicant for certification as an alcohol and drug counselor.

Section 1. Substitution for Work Experience for an Applicant for Certification as an Alcohol and Drug Counselor. (1) An applicant may substitute, for part of the work experience, a degree in a related field such as:

- (a) Addictions;
- (b) Counseling;
- (c) Psychology;
- (d) Psychiatric nursing; or
- (e) Social work.

(2) An applicant may request to substitute an educational degree for part of the required work experience by submitting KBADC Form 12, Workplace Experience Substitution Request, to the board along with transcripts from an accredited college or university.

(3) Educational substitution shall be reviewed and approved by the board based upon education relative to the delivery of alcohol and other drug counseling.

(a) A master's degree or higher in a related field, with a specialization in addictions or drug and alcohol counseling, may be substituted for 4,000 hours of work experience.

(b) A master's degree or higher in a related field, without the specialization in paragraph (a) of this subsection, may be substituted for 3,000 hours of work experience.

(c) A bachelor's degree in a related field may be substituted for 2,000 hours of work experience.

(d) A bachelor's degree in an unrelated field shall not qualify for a substitution of hours, and the applicant shall provide proof of 6,000 hours of work experience as established in KRS 309.083(3).

(4) The hours of work experience shall be documented on the candidate's application for certification and shall contain verification by the supervisor.

Section 2. Incorporation by Reference. (1) "KBADC Form 12, Workplace Experience Substitution Request", June 2015, is incorporated by reference.

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